

NEW COMMANDER — Donald Conway (left) succeeds Stephen Pettit as cadet leader of the Delaware Valley Civil Air Patrol Squadron. Each holds one of the many awards received.

Civil Air Patrol Squadron Has A New Cadet Leader

Cadet 2nd Lt. Donald Conway of Flemington is now cadet commander of the Civil Air Patrol's Delaware Valley Composite Squadron. He's a senior at Hunterdon Central High School.

His predecessors, Cadet Commander Capt. Stephen Pettit and Vice Commander 2nd Lt. Patrick Brennan, both of Clinton, are attending the pilot's program at Embry Riddle University in Florida. Both earned Air Force ROTC scholarships.

Civil Air Patrol, the official Air Force auxiliary, is a civilian, volunteer, nonprofit, service organization. The unpaid members perform more then 85% of inland search and rescue missions as assigned by the Air Force Rescue and Coordination Center.

The new commander's duties include coordinating squadron activities, running the cadet portion of the squadron, and serving as a liaison between cadet and senior members.

Lt. Conway has been a leader in emergency services within the squadron from soon after joining. After joining CAP, he attended ground search and rescue training. He's been on several Air Force Rescue Coordination Center missions.

Capt. Pettit, a North Hunterdon High School graduate, hopes to become a jet fighter pilot.

Delaware Valley Commander Bill Pittenger of Flemington said that his "enthusiasm and drive brought new life into the squadron," adding that the "leadership skills and values that he's instilled in others that will help guide the squadron for months to come."

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